

I am writing in response to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation, and I find it very frightening. It is indicative of a new wave of corporate fascism that isn't going unnoticed.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. There were reasons that Federal Media Regulations were enacted in the first place. Large Corporations can not be trusted to use their influence responsibly, and the Federal Government needs to step in to protect the people from blatant propaganda. Thank you.